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the Madura and Tanjore districts has been tried as stated by his predecessor in office in the discussion on the separation of Executive and Judicial functions in the Council on the 14th September 1922; and, if so, with what results?

A.—No. The experiment has been postponed pending consideration of the proposals of the Committee on the separation of functions.

Police.

Police stations and Police force in municipal and non-municipal areas.

271 Q.—Mr. M. RATNASWAMI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) the number of members of the Police force in municipal and in non-municipal areas respectively;

(2) the number of police stations in municipal and in non-municipal areas respectively; and

(3) the average distance between police stations in non-municipal areas?

A.—A statement is attached:—

	In municipal areas.	In non-municipal areas.
(1) Strength of the Station staff, i.e., sub-inspectors, sergeants, head constables and constables ...	6,656	17,529
(2) Number of police stations ...	132	884
(3) The average distance between police stations in non-municipal areas is 14 miles.		

Recruitment of sub-inspectors of police.

272 Q.—The RAJA OF RAMNAD: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why in the recent recruitment of sub-inspectors of police the usual district committees composed of officials and non-officials were not set up?

A.—The recruitment of sub-inspectors was postponed for some time pending a consideration of the report of the Police Committee. When it was found that the recruitment of a limited number was unavoidable it would have been too late to go through the ordinary procedure of constituting selection committees in each district, and a departure from the rule was permitted, as a special case, in order to save delay. All the candidates were however inspected and classified by Deputy Inspectors-General in order to secure uniformity of standard.

Expenditure for the Secret Service Fund in 1923.

273 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of money spent on account of the Secret Service Fund in 1923;